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SUBJECT: REPORT OF WORKING GROUP MEETINGS MARCH 19, 1975
(SALT TWO-567)

1. THERE FOLLOWS SUMMARY REPORTS OF THE THREE WORKING GROUP
MEETINGS OF MAR. 19, 1975.

2. DRAFTING WORKING GROUP: DRAFTING GROUP MET FOR THREE HOURS
(A-776), AND AGAIN REVIEWED PREABLE AND ARTICLE I. ON PREAMBLE TWO
SIDES ARE MOVING SOMEWHAT CLOSER TO A JOINT TEXT. ON ARTICLE I
BOTH SIDES AGREED TO LEAVE FINAL VERSION UNTIL REMAINDER OF AGRE-
MENT HAS BEEN DECIDED.

3. ON U.S. ARTICLE III AND SOVIET ARTICLE II CONCERNING 2400
AGGREGATE LIMITATION, DISCUSSION CENTERED ON U.S. POSITION THAT
2400 LIMITATION WOULD COME INTO EFFECT ON OCTOBER 3, 1977. SOVIETS
ADVANCED CONTRARY VIEW, REFERRING TO ABM TREATY PRECEDENT
FOR REASONABLE TRANSITION PERIOD AFTER OCTOBER 3, 1977 TO
CARRY OUT DESTRUCTION AND DISMANTLING IN ORDER TO REACH 2400
LIMITATION. WE CHARACTERIZED SOVIET POSITION AS CONTRARY TO
VLADIVOSTOK UNDERSTANDING AND AIDE-MEMOIRE.

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4. DRAFTING GROUP WILL RESUME DISCUSSION THURSDAY, MARCH 20.

5. DEFINITIONS WORKING GROUP: FIRST SESSION (A-774) OF THE "DEFINITIONS AND SYSTEMS-TO-BE-INCLUDED WORKING GROUP" (DSIWG) LASTED TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. THE OPENING AND CLOSE WERE DEVOTED TO FORM; MOST OF THE TIME WAS SPENT DISCUSSING DEFINITIONS OF ICBMS, ASMS AND SLBMS. THE TWO SIDES AGREED THAT DEFINITIONS WERE IMPORTANT, AND ROWNY EMPHASIZED THAT THEY SHOULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE BODY OF THE AGREEMENT. ON ICBMS THE SIDES AGREED TO DISAGREE; HOWEVER, TRUSOV DID HINT WE COULD TACK A RANGE TO THE END OF THE DEFINITION THAT "SOMEWHAT RESEMBLE" THEIRS. TRUSOV USED SEVERAL LOGIC TRAILS IN ATTEMPTS TO PROVE THAT LONGER RANGE CRUISE MISSILES SHOULD BE COUNTED. THE SIDES AGREED TO DISAGREE ON ASMS. ON SLBMS, TRUSOV REPEATED THEIR STAND THAT THE SCC, IN DEFINING A MODERN SLBM, DEFINED THOSE MISSILES LIMITED UNDER THE INTERIM AGREEMENT. WE WENT THROUGH THE INTERIM AGREEMENT AND ITS PROTOCOL WORD-BY-WORD. IN OUR DISCUSSION OF THE "24 JULY 1972 CLARIFICATION" TRUSOV SAID HE HAD NOT REVIEWED IT LATELY AND WOULD LIKE TO STUDY IT BEFORE GOING ON. WE AGREED TO MEET AGAIN ON MARCH 26.

6. VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP: THE TWO SIDES AGREED (A-775) THAT THE PURVIEW OF VERIFICATION WORKING GROUP WOULD INCLUDE ALL QUESTIONS RELATING TO VERIFICATION OF THE AGREEMENT. THEY AGREED FURTHER TO TAKE UP PROVISIONS RELATING TO PROBLEMS OF VERIFYING THE MIRV LIMITATION FIRST, TO BE FOLLOWED BY CONSIDERATION OF U.S. ARTICLE X AND SOVIET ARTICLE XV AND OF ANY OTHER PROVISIONS RELATED TO VERIFICATION WHICH EITHER SIDE WISHED TO BRING UP. MAY POSED THE PROBLEM OF VERIFYING WHICH VERSION OF A MISSILE WAS DEPLOYED WHEN THAT MISSILE HAD BEEN TESTED BOTH WITH MIRVS AND WITH SINGLE RVs. SHCHUKIN REPEATED THE SOVIET POSITION ON THIS SUBJECT. IN ADDITION, HE INVITED THE U.S. SIDE TO DISCUSS THE ALTERNATIVES WHICH IT HAD CONSIDERED BEFORE DECIDING ON THE SOLUTIONS EMBODIED IN THE U.S. PROTOCOL AND IN U.S. DRAFT ARTICLE II.7. THE SOVIET SIDE ALSO EMPHASIZED THE UNDERSIRABILITY OF DISCUSSING THE CAPABILITIES OF NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS AND THE DIFFICULTY OF THE TASK FACING THE WORKING GROUP. THE SIDES AGREED TO MEET AGAIN NEXT WEEK, AT A TIME TO BE SET AT THE NEXT PLENARY MEETING (FRIDAY, MARCH 21). THE MEETING LASTED TWO AND ONE-HALF HOURS. JOHNSON

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